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CLOAKED IN DARKNESS, SPIDEY FACES
THE MYSTIFYING MENACE OF...
"THE **MOLTEN MAN!**"



ALSO IN THIS LANDMARK ISSUE:
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
**PETER PARKER'S
GRADUATION!**



THE MENACE OF "THE MOLTEN MAN!"

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**MARVEL
MARCHES ON
TO ANOTHER NEW
ADVENTURE TRIUMPH!**

ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING, PETER PARKER IS HAILED BY NO LESS A PERSONAGE THAN THE PRINCIPAL HIMSELF! THUS, OUR STORY BEGINS WITH THE SAVAGE IMPACT OF A FALLING FEATHER...!

JUST A MOMENT, PARKER! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

UH-OH! I HAD A HUNCH HE WOULDN'T FORGET ABOUT THAT LITTLE **FIGHT** I HAD WITH FLASH AND HIS STOOGES THE OTHER DAY!

* AS SO DELICIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN LAST MONTH'S **SPIDER-MAN**... STAN.

I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT FLASH THOMPSON EXPLAINED THAT **YOU** WERE NOT AT FAULT DURING THAT FIGHT THE OTHER DAY! SO WE'LL FORGET THE ENTIRE MATTER, SON!

WOW! OL! FLASH IS THE BEST ENEMY A GUY EVER HAD!

THANK YOU, SIR! I APPRECIATE YOUR TELLING ME!

THERE'S LIZ HILTON! I'LL BET SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH FLASH GETTING ME OFF THE HOOK!

LIZ! LIZ... HOLD ON A MINUTE! IT'S PETER!

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR ME, LAST WEEK!... LIZ... IS SOMETHING **WRONG**?

NO! NOTHING AT ALL!

THEN WHY THE COLD SHOULDER? I CAN FEEL THE CHILL CLEAR ACROSS THE HALL!

I'M SORRY, PETER! I HAVEN'T TIME TO TALK NOW!

"PETER"? SHE NEVER CALLED ME **THAT** BEFORE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN **PETEY**! I WONDER WHAT'S BUGGING HER?... AND JUST BEFORE GRADUATION, TOO!

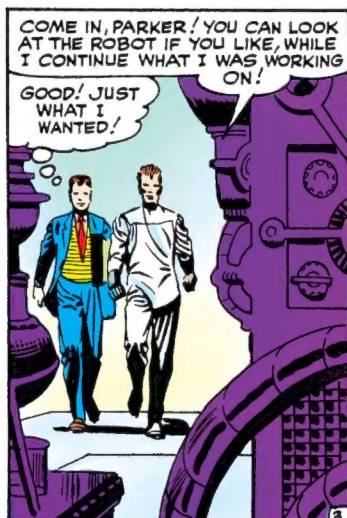
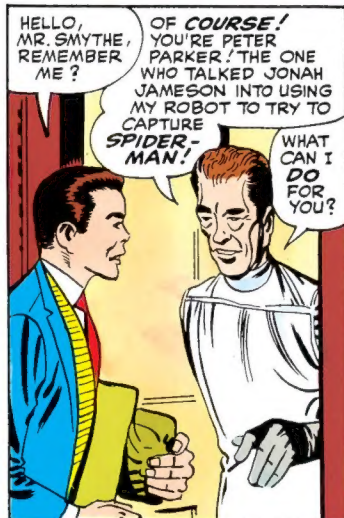
'SMATTER, USELESS? CAN'T YOU TELL WHEN A CHICK WRITES YOU OFF? YOU'VE **HAD** IT, PARKER!

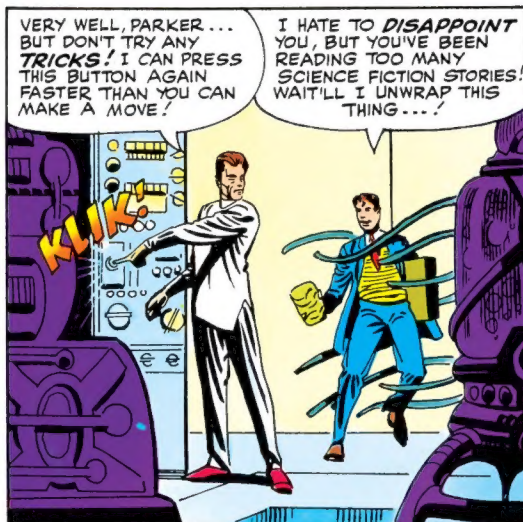
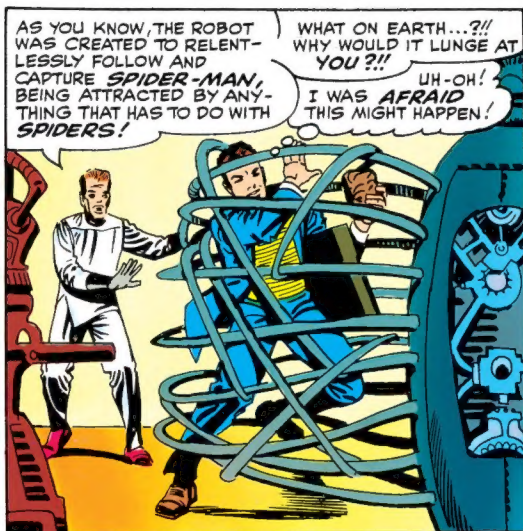
WELL, WELL! SINCE WHEN DID **YOU** BECOME THE "DEAR ABBY" OF MIDTOWN HIGH?

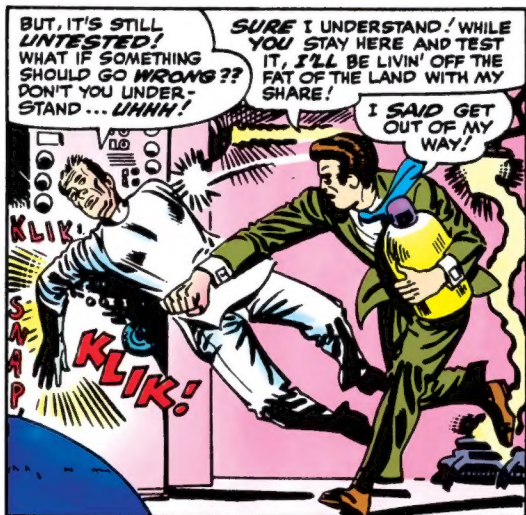
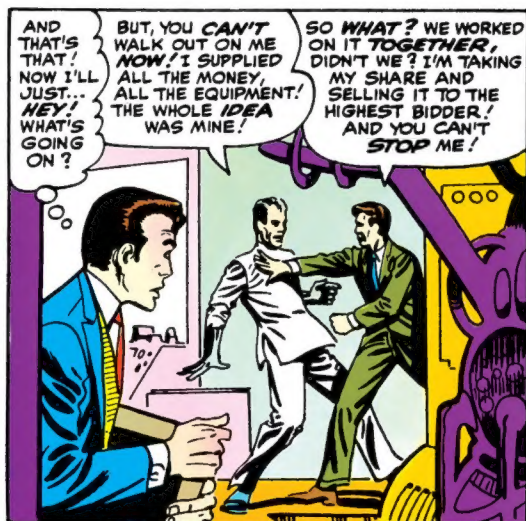
WHOO! I ALMOST FORGOT! I OWE FEARLESS FLASH A VOTE OF THANKS!

BY THE WAY, BIG MOUTH, I APPRECIATE YOU SQUARING THINGS WITH PRINCIPAL DAVIS FOR ME!

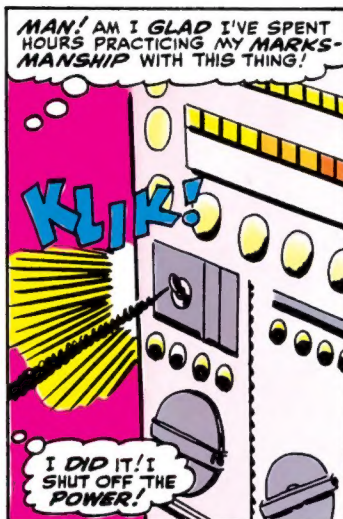
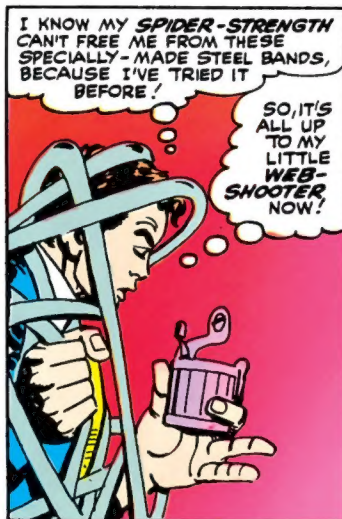
FORGET IT! I DIDN'T DO IT **FOR YOU**! FLASH THOMPSON DOESN'T LET **ANY** MEATBALL TAKE THE RAP FOR HIM!











THEN, SLOWLY, STAGGERINGLY... THE AWESOME REALIZATION DAWNS....!

I BUCKLED THIS STEEL HOOD WITH MY BARE HANDS!

THE METAL ALLOY... IT'S GIVEN ME SOME FORM OF SUPER STRENGTH!



EVEN THOUGH MY FINGERS ARE STILL FLEXIBLE, THEY HAVE THE POWER OF SOLID METAL!

I CAN USE THEM LIKE WEAPONS... WITHOUT FEELING ANY PAIN!!



HAW! THAT FRIGHTENED FOOL LEAPED OUT OF HIS CAR AND RAN OFF! LET HIM GO! LET THEM ALL GO! THEY CAN'T HARM ME!



I'VE BECOME AN ACTUAL **MOLTEN MAN**! I CAN DO ANYTHING... TAKE ANYTHING...!

I'VE BEEN GIVEN **POWER!!** POWER BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS!



EVERYBODY... **OUT OF MY WAY!!** FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL RUN WHEN YOU SEE ME COMING! **NO ONE** CAN STAND UP TO THE **MOLTEN MAN**!



BUT, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, A COLORFUL FIGURE EFFORTLESSLY SWINGS OVERHEAD, SUPREMELY CONFIDENT IN HIS DRAMATIC, ORIGINAL COSTUME....!

NOW THAT SMYTHE TOLD ME WHERE RAXTON LIVES, I'LL HEAD FOR HIS APARTMENT AND SEE IF HE'S REACHED THERE YET!



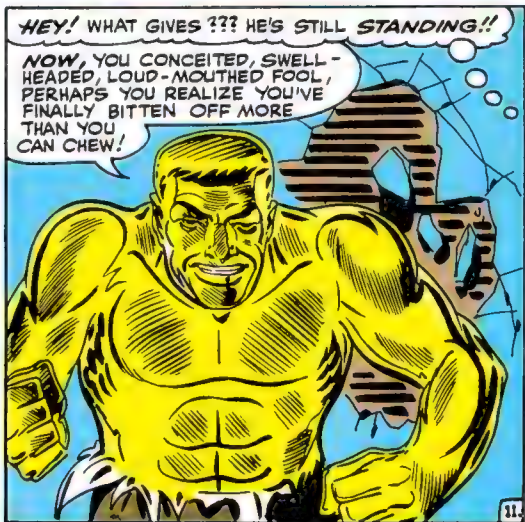
WOW! WHAT HAPPENED DOWN THERE?!

I HEARD THE CROWD MENTION A MAN WITH **MOLTEN SKIN**! CAN **RAXTON** HAVE DONE THAT??!

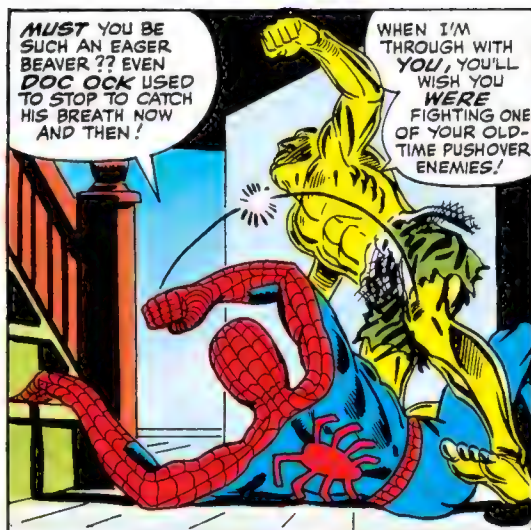












MUST YOU BE SUCH AN EAGER BEAVER ?? EVEN DOC OCK USED TO STOP TO CATCH HIS BREATH NOW AND THEN !

WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL WISH YOU WERE FIGHTING ONE OF YOUR OLD-TIME PUSHOVER ENEMIES !



NOW WAIT A MINUTE ! I FEEL REAL SENTIMENTAL ABOUT MY OLD SPARRING PARTNERS !

SO LET'S HEAR YOU SPEAK A LITTLE MORE RESPECTFULLY ABOUT THEM !

I KNEW IT ! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FULL-TIME NUT !



AND, WHAT'S EVEN WORSE, YOUR PUNCHES ARE GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER !

HE'S WRONG ! I'M SWINGING AS HARD AS EVER ! BUT, HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH... I'M JUST NOT HURTING HIM !



IT'S NO PICNIC BEING HIT BY A MOLTEN FIST, IS IT ??

...ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE KICKED BY A MOLTEN TOE AT THE SAME TIME !

THE GREAT SPIDER-MAN !! HAW.. WHAT A LAUGH !



SECONDS LATER, THE TWO COMBATANTS FIND THEMSELVES STILL TRADING BLOWS ABOVE THE CELLAR STAIRS, AND THEN ... !

I'LL FINISH YOU OFF DOWN HERE... WHERE NOBODY WILL SEE IT !!

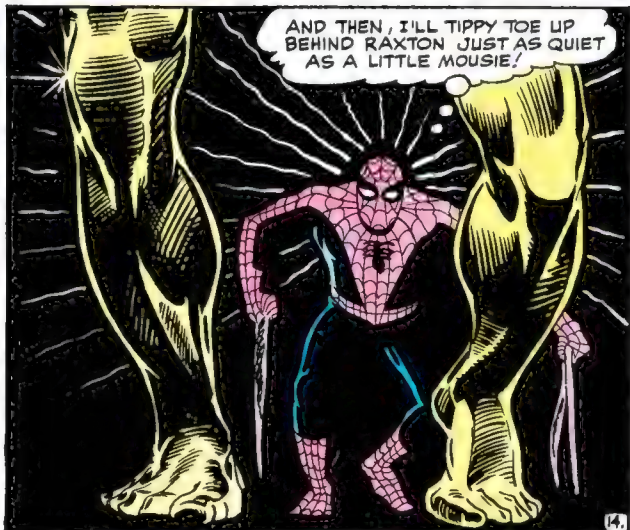
AFTER ALL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO EMBARRASS A FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE YOU !

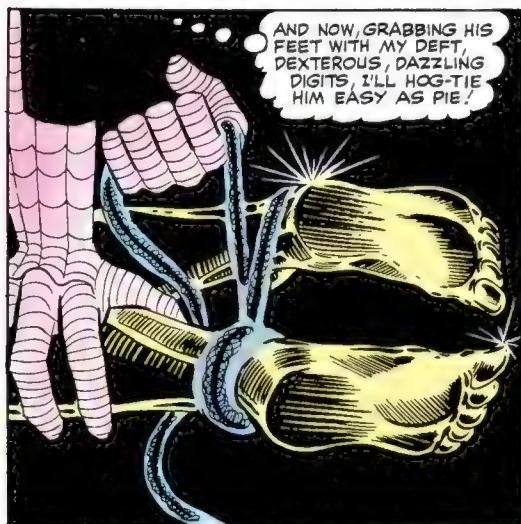
THAT'S ONE THING I'VE GOTTA SAY ABOUT YOU, RAXTON... YOU'RE ALL HEART !



IF I WERE YOU, SPIDER-MAN, I WOULDN'T WASTE MY BREATH ON THOSE CORNY REMARKS ! YOU'LL BE NEEDING IT SOON !

HE ISN'T EVEN SCRATCHED !! HOW AM I GONNA STOP HIM ?? !





AND NOW, GRABBING HIS FEET WITH MY DEFT, DEXTEROUS, DAZZLING DIGITS, I'LL HOG-TIE HIM EASY AS PIE!



UH UH! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE REACHED OVER HERE TO GRAB ME! I HAD THIS LITTLE LOOP ALL WAITING FOR YOU!



THERE! NO MATTER HOW SLIPPERY YOUR SKIN IS, IF I PULL THOSE KNOTS TIGHT ENOUGH, YOU'VE HAD IT, CHUM!



I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I'M HELPLESS NOW, HUH?

HEAVENS, NO! YOU CAN STILL FLUTTER YOUR EYELIDS!

NOW GIVE YOUR TONSILS A REST WHILE I DRAG YOU OUT OF HERE!



HE IS SLIPPERY! WHILE I WAS HAULING HIM UP THE STEPS, HE WAS LOOSENING MY WEBBING AGAIN!

HOLD IT, GOLDEN BOY! YOU'RE NOT WIGGLING OUT OF THAT WEBBING A SECOND TIME!



THERE! YOUR HELPFUL OL' SPIDER-MAN WILL MAKE IT ALL NICE AND SNUG AGAIN!

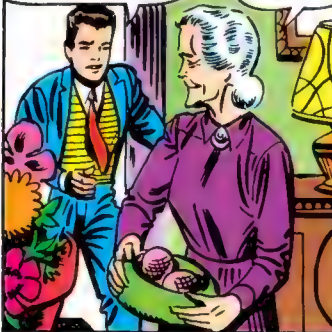
SAY! YOU OUGHTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE CALLOUSES! MAYBE THE LAUNDRY DETERGENT YOU'VE BEEN USING IS TOO HARSH!



THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE HAPPY, HUMBLE, MORTGAGED HOME OF PETER PARKER...

AUNT MAY! AREN'T YOU READY YET? THE GRADUATION CEREMONY STARTS IN A LITTLE WHILE!

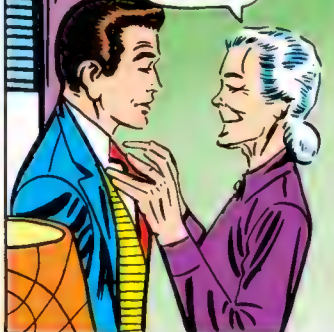
YOU RUN ALONG, PETER. I'LL BE GOING WITH MRS. WATSON IN A HALF HOUR!



I KNOW YOU HAVE TO BE THERE EARLY, IN ORDER TO GET ALL PREPARED FOR THE BIG MOMENT!

OH, PETER, YOUR UNCLE BEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU!

MY LITTLE BOY... GRADUATING WITH HONORS!



WELL, IF YOUR LITTLE BOY DOESN'T GET GOING, HE'S LIABLE TO MISS THE WHOLE THING! DON'T BE LATE NOW, HEAR?

TO MY OWN NEPHEW'S GRADUATION? OH, PETER!



AND, THEN, AT MIDTOWN HIGH, THE BIG MOMENT FINALLY ARRIVES...

Y'KNOW, I AUTOMATICALLY FEEL 200% SMARTER WITH THIS CRAZY PANCAKE ON MY DOME!

I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD A FLAT HEAD, CHARLIE, AND NOW WE KNOW IT!

ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS! IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE! SINGLE FILE, PLEASE...!



LOOK, MAY! THERE HE IS! IT'S PETER!

OH! ISN'T HE HANDSOME! LET'S WAVE TO HIM, DEAR!

THERE'S AUNT MAY, AND MRS. WATSON! BUT, BETTY BRANT ISN'T HERE! SHE MUST BE MORE ANGRY WITH ME THAN I THOUGHT!*



*AS WE SAW IN SPIDEY #25 AND #26...STAN.

WE'LL SPARE YOU THE EXACT TEXT OF PRINCIPAL DAVIS' SPEECH, BECAUSE IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE EVERY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SPEECH, EXCEPT FOR THIS PART...

AND NOW, I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR TWO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY, HERE IN NEW YORK CITY!

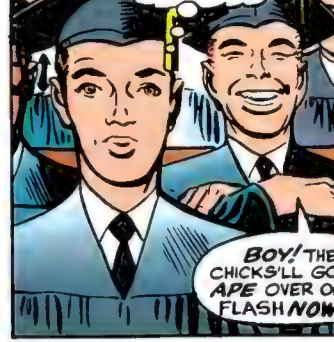
FOR PROFICIENCY IN ATHLETICS, OUR WINNER IS FLASH THOMPSON!

YIPPEE!



AND, FOR ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY, A SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO PETER PARKER!

I DID IT!! THIS MEANS I CAN GO TO COLLEGE... FREE! GOSH, IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!



OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS THAT GREAT CIVIC LEADER AND JOURNALIST, MR. J. JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF THE "DAILY BUGLE"!

GROAN!!

SECHHE! THEY'RE MAKING US GET OUR DIPLOMAS THE HARD WAY!



BOY! THE CHICKS'LL GO APE OVER OL' FLASH NOW!

AHEM... UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM TO PUBLIC SPEAKING, I SHALL NEVERTHELESS TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF, WHEN I WAS YOUNG.. TO INSPIRE YOU TO REACH MY PINNACLE OF GREATNESS...!

SOMEONE GIVE ME AN ASPIRIN! I'M GONNA BE SICK!

YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN ONE! HE GETS WORSE AS HE GOES ALONG!

IS THAT A SMILE, OR, IS HE WEARING A FRIGHT MASK?

GOSH, LIZ IS STILL DOWN IN THE DUMPS! I'VE NEVER SEEN HER THAT WAY BEFORE! I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?

LUCKILY, ALL THINGS COME TO AN END... EVEN SPEECHES BY J. JONAH JAMESON! AND SO, WHEN THE COMMENCEMENT IS FINALLY OVER...

THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD'VE MADE EVERYTHING REALLY PERFECT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY HAD SPIDER-MAN MAKE THAT SPEECH INSTEAD OF OL' PRUNE-FACE!

PETER, DEAR, I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM THAT YOU WON THAT SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP! THIS MEANS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE COLLEGE EDUCATION YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!

THAT'S ALL I NEED! ANOTHER GIRL IN MY LIFE, TO COMPLICATE THINGS EVEN MORE!

AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO HELP ME, AUNT MAY!

I CAN'T WAIT TO DASH HOME AND TELL MY DAUGHTER, MARY JANE, ABOUT IT! SHE'LL BE SO THRILLED!

LIFE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN EASY, PETER, SINCE YOUR UNCLE BEN DIED, BUT SOMEHOW, THIS MAKES ALL THE SACRIFICES SEEM SO... WORTH-WHILE!

THERE'S PARKER! HE SOLD SOME PHOTOS TO A RIVAL PAPER THE OTHER DAY! I'VE GOT TO WIN HIM BACK TO THE BUGLE AGAIN!

WELL... HEL-LO, THERE!

PETER, MY BOY, YOU'RE A CREDIT TO THE DAILY BUGLE! I KNEW YOU'D JUSTIFY THE FAITH I ALWAYS HAD IN YOU! ...HRRMPH! HOW DID YOU ALL LIKE MY SPEECH?

YOU... EH... WERE IN FINE VOICE, MR. JAMESON!

OH, YOU'RE THE NICE MAN THAT PETER SELLS THOSE NEWS PHOTOS TO! I'M HIS AUNT MAY!

HIS AUNT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIS SISTER!







Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE